Survey #	Comments
3	I found the commission to be thoughtful, knowledgeable and helpful.
Very Pos	Raymond Street is busy and has high speed traffic. The city should address this or consider a "flexible" standard here.
16	I hope the boundaries are not shrunk, but instead expanded.
Very Pos	
18	In general, the Avon Hill District is great. Hopefully, <u>NO</u> infill housing or large buildings. Avon Hill is a wonderful walking environment.
Very Pos	
7	I am somewhat suspicious of the Raymond St. residents who wish to withdraw from the Conservation District.
Pos	
8	I am very concerned about building into backyards, eliminating grass, trees and shrubs and the removal of old trees. There should be some rules about tree removal.
Pos	
10	Your questions (other side) that were most important to us are 1,2, 7a, b, c. We would <u>not</u> like to narrow the NCD district boundaries.
Pos	
12	New owner.
Pos	Important missions looking forward to receiving more information.
17	Too many questions in this questionnaire. I support the idea of histrocial district, but to allow minor changes without too much fuss. I object to larger developments.
Pos	
22	Keep up the good work.
Pos	
11	We have not lived here long enough to know answers to the "Results" section.
Neutral	
19	I think the Commission can do a better job of providing assistance and avoiding aesthetic tangles but some community members trumpet their own narrow interests to the detriment of the community values the District Comm. represents. It would be a great loss to give in to disgruntled applicants.
Neutral	

20 Response to "the District has 'preserved, conserved and protected' the character of the neighborhood from inappropriate alteration": "Somewhat". Neutral It's hard to trust the process after the mistake on Bates St. I fear that it set a precedent whereby the properties on either side of me could build in the yard, hemming me in. The residents of Raymond Street are just acting bad. They should not be catered to. Just think what could happen at Barbara Norfleet's house. Barbara Norfleet should have been allowed to build her little house over on the side of the property. Then she wouldn't have had to sell to a developer, which now could be a disaster. 24 I was disappointed to hear of one Raymond St. property-owner's experience in trying repeatedly and unsuccessfully to obtain permission to build a much-needed garage. Otherwise, I support the Neutral purpose of the Commission. 30 Indicated that didn't understand questions under "Expectations." Neutral Under "Experience" section: "I have not attended meetings, but I've heard feedback from others who have. Therefore am answering based on that feedback." Comment under "Interactions" section: "I've heard there was a lot of confusion about what recommendations were binding and nonbinding." Comment on "the District has 'preserved, conserved and protected'": "In instances I know of, yes, like no fence around Wash. St. house." I don't like the sound of Avon Hill merging with a new Lower Common 31 District. I would prefer that their new district be distinctly their own. Neutral 35 Comment on "Have you attend a meeting?": "one". Responses to "a distinction was made between reviews of National Register-listed properties and non-National Register-listed properties" and "efforts were made to persuade": "Can't recall".

Indicated "don't understand" next to question 7.

inappropriate home expansion project.

NCD Commission failed to rule effectively and strongly on an

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Neg

Response to 7a: Accessory buildings rated very important; small additions rated not important.

Neg

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Response to 7b: Front yard parking rated very important; fences rated somewhat important; replacement windows rated not important.

Responses to "Commission explained whether the review was binding or non-binding" and "a distinction was made between reviews of National Register-listed properties and non-National Register-listed properties": "Don't recall".

Responses to "the District has 'preserved, conserved and protected' the character of the neighborhood" and ""has accommodated changes": "Somewhat".

It was blatantly obvious that the commission had made a decision to accept expansions to 101 Washington Ave. prior to neighborhood meeting. MATURE TREES WERE REMOVED FROM PROPERTY WITHOUT NOTICE.

Comment on "efforts were made to persuade": "in not polite fashion, at times".

Neg

Responses to "the District has 'preserved, conserved and protected' the character of the neighborhood" and ""has accommodated changes": "Hard to tell".

I attended hearings on 2 different matters several years ago and found that when Mr. King was not presiding, others on the local Avon Hill Comm. seemed to interpret things based on their own personal aesthetics. I had supported (at inception) the Avon Hill NCD and have since become very apprehensive about what a small coterie of locals can deem to ok or deny. I still support it in theory but the execution has been scary.

Mailings to abutters <u>have</u> improved in past year or so.

2 Very Neg The Commission is out of control. It is clearly run by a power-hungry pinhead (or pinheads) who think it is important to harass their neighbors with notices forbidding them from replacing ancient, inefficient windows with modern alternatives. The commission was approved as non-binding, but now, mysteriously, <u>all</u> of its reviews are binding. This is a naked power-grab if ever there was one. Let us out of this administrative nightmare.

In my experience certain members used the district meeting to promote their personal agendas and trespassed on my property to take measurements. I felt like I had to make unnecessary additions to my project just to get it approved expeditiously.

6 Officious interference with private property rights is not even mentioned as a possibility on this self-serving form. Very Neg 15 Response to "the Commission's conclusion was based on stated standards": "but too narrow". Very Neg Response to "efforts were made to persuade or encourage applicants to adopt more appropriate alternatives": "minimal". Open response: The commission's handling of the 24 Bates St. petition was a disaster – both in result and process. The NCD has been a force of stagnation. The neighborhood has not 21 developed as it should. Architectural diversity is appropriate. The Very Neg NCD is dominated by a few very provincial neighbors and SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. 34 It seems to me that the Avon Hill NCD was constructed primarily to lower MY property value, since I am one of the few homeowners with Very Neg a large lot in the area. In fact, when the Avon Hill NCD was established, one of my neighbors remarked "looks like they've put a bull's eye on your backyard."